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Guat has withdrawn completely her complaint of "foreign aggression" from the American Peace Commission. It was disclosed today by Chairman Luis Quintanilla of Mexico.

Comment: This move means the Arbenz Government is selecting the UN Security Council exclusively as its diplomatic battleground and that it foregoes all action by the Inter-American system. Guat withdrew complaint from 5-nation Peace Commission last night at 10 P.M. This was about 4 hrs after the Commission agreed to a Guat request to suspend action until results of the Security Council's cease fire order have been observed. In doing this, Guatemala is in effect slapping all the Western Hemisphere nations in the face for the benefit of USSR--the only one who could gain whether the present Guat government wins or loses the fight in progress.

Paris AFP Radioteletype in English to the Americas 1101 6/22

(Text) Havana--Cuban Minister without Portfolio Ernesto de la Fe said here last night he was in favor of an immediate recognition of the operations lead by former Col. Carlos Castillo Armas against the Guatemalan Government. He said that in taking this heroic decision, Castillo had "saved our continent from tragic hours."

De la Fe added: "Our continent cannot permit Soviet Communism to transform Guatemala into a new Korea."

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Review of Soviet Broadcasts (Based on Broadcasts Monitored between 0001  
and 2400 GMT June 21 1954)

Guatemala:

The voluminous comment on the Guatemala fighting leaves little room for other news on Western affairs. Addressed to several audiences, a Filippov "Pravda" article reemphasized the claim that the current fighting is not a "EAK revolt" but a "well planned and heavily subsidized" American intervention against the Arbenz regime.

An anonymous talk in Spanish affirms that Guatemala has been invaded by "armed gangs, paid and directed by Washington" which is prepared to "adopt any means" to overthrow the Arbenz regime. Zhurkin comments that the proposal to transfer the Guatemala case from the UN Security Council to the Pan-American organization was just another American maneuver designed to keep the USSR out of all discussions, since the U.S. actually controls the interamerican body.

The only report on actual military operations in Guatemala is contained in a New York item, which cites Guatemala's Foreign Minister's declaration in an interview that the Arbenz Government is supported by the Army, workers, and peasants.

Another New York report, transmitted by "TASS" to Europe, tells of the Soviet-American clash at the Security Council over the suggested transfer of the Guatemala issue to the OAS. Lodge, having "lost his self-control," demanded that the Soviet Union "stay out of this hemisphere," but it was the Soviet veto that saved Guatemala from the U.S.-controlled Pan-American organization.

Tegucigalpa in Spanish to Honduras 1300 6/22

(Text) from the Foreign Relations Secretariat of Honduras, we have just received official notice number 5,665, which states:

Attention, Licenciado Gustavo J. Medina, Director of the "Diario Matutino": for your information, we are forwarding the following note:

Licenciado Alejandro Valladares, the daily "El Cronista," which you direct, has been publishing reports on Guatemalan citizens who have sought asylum in Honduras and have taken up residence in Tegucigalpa. In these editions it has been stated that these Guatemalan citizens are using Honduran territory as a base of operation for their activities, and more specifically, of carrying out military operations at the Guatemalan border.

In this respect, I wish to point out that the Honduran Government has instructed civil and military authorities to adopt measures to avert the violation of the security of Honduras.

In relation to the above, on June 21, Carlos Castillo Armas, who is considered the chief of the Guatemalan opposition forces, was called into this Secretariat's office, and he was warned that Honduras will not tolerate the violation of its national security either by him or by his partisans. He was further warned that any failure to comply with this warning will result in his expulsion from the national territory.

The Honduran people can be assured that the Government will take every measure to maintain and respect its complete neutrality.

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in international affairs, and to avert direct or indirect intervention  
in the affairs of any and all states.

Signed, J. E. Valenzuela.

Tegucigalpa in Spanish to Honduras 1245 6/22

(Text) The Honduran Federation of University Students expresses  
its support of the government and people of Guatemala. Yesterday  
afternoon, in accordance with a previous call to assembly, the Honduran  
students held a special session at the auditorium of the School of  
Agriculture. Following a number of speeches, the assembly unanimously  
agreed on the following declarations:

1. The Honduran University students fully sympathize with the  
Guatemalan Government and people in the battle against the invasion  
of Guatemalan territory being waged by reactionary Guatemalan emigres  
and foreign mercenaries.
  2. The students support the declaration made by the Guatemalan  
University students to the free people of the continent in the face  
of the present emergency.
  3. Honduran students will demand that the Honduran Government  
expel Col. Carlos Castillo Armas from the national territory in  
case he is still here, or returns to Honduras.
  4. The students will stage a public demonstration on June 22  
in downtown Tegucigalpa to express their solidarity with the  
Guatemalan people and the government headed by Col. Jacobo Arbenz Guzman.
- Comment: This student group has not previously been heard from.

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This and item below raises questions: Who is running radio Tegu now?

London Reuters Radioteletype in English to New York 1541 6/22

(Text) Montevideo--The Uruguayan Chamber of Deputies last night passed a resolution of solidarity with Guatemala, declaring "the aggression against Guatemala constitutes a conspiracy against peace in America and a denial of the right of free peoples to self-determination."

The motion, passed by 32 votes to 28, is being sent to all the national congresses of Latin America.

Comment: In view of Guat action taking matter out of OAS--only for the benefit of the USSR--insulting all Latin America; this vote might be taken again with other results.

Tegucigalpa in Spanish to Honduras 1300 6/22

(Excerpts) We have had the opportunity to hear the long speech made by Guatemalan President Jacobo Arbenz on June 20.

Arbenz called several foreign governments "aggressors," and specifically included Honduras and Nicaragua in his charge. He also charged that several of the planes which had violated Guatemalan territory, and thus violating her national sovereignty, proceeded from Honduras and Nicaragua.

For its part, Honduras has steadfastly maintained its neutrality as has been stated by Foreign Minister Dr. J. E. Valenzuela, in a letter to the director of the daily "El Cronista," of June 18.

The Honduran Government could in no way be blamed for the fact that

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Guatemalan emigres have ignored the orders of Honduran authorities, organized military activities, and subsequently invaded Guatemalan territory. The border area is relatively vast, and if it were to be effectively patrolled, Honduran authorities would have to mobilize a great number of military personnel to cover all the points which are accessible to Guatemalan territory.

As to the point of departure of planes which have flown over the Guatemala capital and other sectors of the sister nation, it would be impossible to specifically ascertain that they had taken off from Honduran territory. There is absolutely no evidence that the Honduran Government has supplied planes to the Guatemalan rebels, and such a circumstance could only be proved by establishing the identity of the planes in question.

There is, however, unimpeachable proof that no planes of the Honduran Air Force have participated in the above-mentioned "adventure."

Through official radio bulletins the Guatemalan Government assures that it is in complete control of the situation, and that it enjoys the support of the great majority of Guatemalan people, and especially that of the Army and the masses of workers and peasants. If such is the case, perhaps it will not be long before order can be restored and the facts of the case will be brought out to show that the Honduran Government is free from the charges unjustly made against it.

Comment: Can't Honduras be urged to take line: "We demand apology for pernicious falsified charges made against us...etc."?

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